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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-040584, published February 13, 1998, along with an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-249264, published September 22, 1998, and which was discussed on page 4 of Applicants' specification, along with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

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listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending U.S. patent applications:

10/668,154, in the name of A. KOYAMA et al., entitled "Mold Component and Mold ...
Assembly", filed September 24, 2003.

Copies of the applications are provided herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed copending applications and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein. P24323.A01

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Atsushi KOYAMA et al.

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